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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- AN FBI MEMORANDUM IN THE FILES ON KENNEDY ASSASSINATION RELEASED WEDNESDAY CALLED DICK GREGORY A "RABBLE-ROUSING NEGRO COMEDIAN" BECAUSE OF "FANTASTIC ALLEGATIONS" ATTRIBUTED TO GREGORY THAT FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER HELPED MASTERMIND THE ASSASSINATION.

THE MEMO SAID, "ON 1-18-65, DICK GREGORY, THE RABBLE-ROUSING NEGRO COMEDIAN MADE SOME FANTASTIC ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION TO AN EMPLOYEE OF THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE."

THE FBI SAID A MAN IT DID NOT IDENTIFY, TOLD THEM GREGORY "STATED THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS MASTERMINDED BY J. EDGAR HOOVER AND (DALLAS MILLIONAIRE) H.L. HUNT."

THE FBI MEMO CONCLUDED, "WE HAVE LONG SUSPECTED THAT GREGORY IS DEMENTED. NEVERTHELESS, THE COMMENTS HE HAS MADE ARE UTTERLY RIDICULOUS AND WE SHOULD CONFRONT HIM AND TELL HIM IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT HE BETTER STOP PUTTING OUT SUCH GUTTER TALK."

FILES INCLUDED WRITINGS OF GREGORY'S WIFE THAT THE FBI MEMO SAID "CONTAIN MONSTROUS FABRICATIONS EVEN MORE ABSURD THAN THE TRASH PUT OUT BY THE INFAMOUS MARK LANE, REPORTED COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZER, (CENSORED) AND FORMER NEW YORK ASSEMBLYMAN."

A LATER MEMO IDENTIFIED THE ADL SOURCE AS BARNEY GORENSTEIN. THIS MEMO SAID THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO GREGORY WERE "JUST ANOTHER INSTANCE OF DICK GREGORY'S UNFOUNDED VICIOUS ATTACKS CONCERNING THE FBI AND THE DIRECTOR," AND ADDED THAT A MEMBER OF THE NAACP HAD SAID "THAT IN THE NAACP GREGORY IS REGARDED AS A COMPLETE NUT AND THEY TRY NOT TO WORK WITH HIM."

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